News release

Winter hangs on

1 March 2005

Wintry conditions and the risk of travel disruption continue across the UK as we go through the first week of spring.

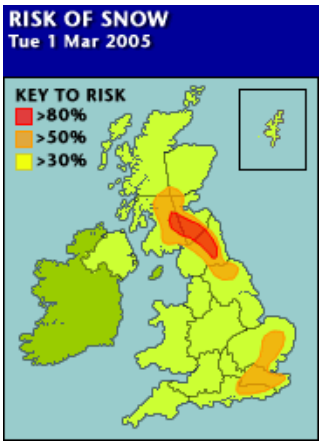
Met Office forecasters are keeping a particularly close eye on a weather system predicted to move south across the country during the next twenty-four hours. Of particular concern is the increasing risk of rain turning to snow across central and southern England during Wednesday.

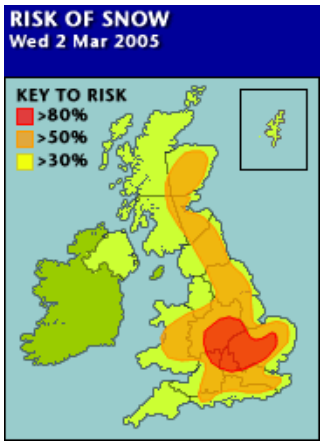
The precise distribution of the snow is unclear at this stage but the Met Office is advising decision-making authorities, such the Highways Agency, of the potential for disruption to the transport network.

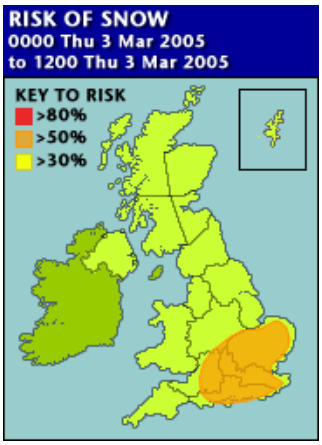
Although the major cities in the Midlands and south-east England were relatively unaffected by last week's snow, there is a significant risk that they will be more affected by wintry weather on Wednesday or Thursday this week.

The public, businesses and public sector organisations are advised to stay in touch with the latest weather forecasts for their regions and National Severe Weather Warnings through the Met Office web site, as well as on radio and TV.

The maps show the risk of significant snow for the UK through the next few days.







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